GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2660
ANSWERED ON:13.03.2000
EMPLOYEES OF LOKTAK PROJECT
RAMDAS ATHAWALE

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Loktak Pariyojna Ko Ugarwad KeKaran Khatra` appearing in the Jansatta dated January 18, 2000;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to complete the Loktak Project in the scheduled time?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER

(SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. The Chief Engineer of the Loktak Hydro-electric Project was killed by a group of militants at his residence on January 12, 2000.

(c) : The Government has been taking up periodically with the Government of Manipur, to provide adequate security cover to the project and staff posted at the project. Following the assassination of the Chief Engineer, additional security personnel have been deployed at the project. The State Government has provided five companies of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) which are presently deployed for protection of Loktak Project. They have also assured adequate security during construction of Loktak Downstream Project.

(d) : Loktak H.E. Project is an Operation &Maintenance Project. NHPC has taken up the work of Loktak Downstream H.E. Project, which has recently been sanctioned.